

COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Council Meeting held in the Old Council Chambers, 3 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 23 March 2005 at 2.00pm.

Present: Provost Scott, Councillors Baird, Barnacle Barr, Barrett, Bushby, Caddell, Coburn, Cowan, Crabbie, Culliven, Doig, Dow, Ellis, Flynn, Gillies, A Grant, E Grant, Hayton, Howie, Hulbert, Hunter, Lennie, Livingstone, Lloyd, Lumsden, Lyall, Mair, McDonald, McEwen, MacLellan, Miller, Mulheron, Robertson, D Scott, Simpson, Stewart, Telfer and Young.

Also Attending: B Malone (Chief Executive), K MacDonald, A Seggie, Paul Wallace and Joanna Dean (all Chief Executive's), A R McArthur (Executive Director-Corporate Services), G Taylor, M Kay and I Innes (all Corporate Services), J Irons (Executive Director – Planning & Transportation) and S Connelly (Education and Children's Services).

Apologies for Absence: Councillor Wilson

Provost Scott, Presiding.

The Council agreed to take the following item at the commencement of the Meeting.

Provost Scott introduced this Item by reading a statement highlighting the status of Perth as a Scottish City and the prominence of Perth in Scotland's history.

244. PERTH CITY STATUS

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (05/193) outlining the history of Perth's city status and proposing actions which will reinforce it in the future, and also outlining the important role events can play in the run up to, and the celebrations of, the 800th anniversary of Perth.

Resolved:

- (i) Agree to a Declaration reaffirming Perth as a City.
- (ii) Write to Scottish Ministers asserting Perth's right, as a City to take its place alongside Scotland's other cities in shaping the nation's future development and be given the same status and opportunities in the Executive's plans to build better cities.
- (iii) The proposal outlined in this report to hold a series of events leading up to the celebrations of the 800th anniversary of the city of Perth in 2010 be approved and it be agreed to submit to the appropriate Committee a further report on these in due course.
- (iv) The Council's Partners and the wider community be encouraged to use the term city in relation to Perth.
- (v) A message of goodwill be sent to sibling towns, Perth - Ontario, Perth - Western Australia, Perth – North Dakota and Perth – New Jersey, USA and advising them of the decisions taken on this matter.
- (vi) Formal representations be made to the UK and Scottish Parliament requesting that as an official outcome of the G8 Summit, Perth be awarded City Status at the conclusion of the Summit in recognition of the Council's efforts towards staging the Summit.
- (vii) Labour and Liberal Democratic Councillors write to the First Minister Jack McConnell and his Deputy, Jim Wallace, enlisting their support in securing formal City Status for Perth.
- (viii) Perth and Kinross schools encourage pupils to recognise and take pride in the long history of Perth City.

Provost Scott thereafter called for a thirty-minute recess during which he read and signed a Charter reaffirming Perth as a City, and invited the Chief Executive and all Councillors to countersign the Charter.

THE MEETING WAS THEN ADJOURNED TO THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FOURTH FLOOR, COUNCIL BUILDING 2 HIGH STREET, PERTH, RECOMMENCING AT 3.10PM.

Present: Provost Scott, Councillors Baird, Barnacle Barr, Barrett, Caddell, Coburn, Cowan, Culliven, Doig, Dow, Ellis, Flynn, Gillies, A Grant, E Grant, Hayton, Howie, Hulbert, Hunter, Lennie,

Livingstone, Lloyd, Lumsden, Lyall, Mair, McDonald, McEwen, MacLellan, Miller, Mulheron, Robertson, D Scott, Simpson, Stewart, Telfer and Young.

Also Attending: B Malone (Chief Executive), K MacDonald and T Yule (Chief Executive's), A R McArthur (Executive Director-Corporate Services), G Taylor, M Kay, J Symon, and I Innes (all Corporate Services) J Irons (Executive Director – Planning & Transportation); D Roberts (Executive Director – Housing & Community Care); L McConnell (Education & Children's Services) and W Ronald (Environment Services).

245. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest made in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

246. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

(a) Special Council Meeting of 10 February 2005

The Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of 10 February 2005 (Arts. 97-98) were submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

(b) Council Meeting of 16 February 2005

The Minutes of the Council Meeting of 16 February 2005 (Arts. 124-129) were submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

247. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

Minutes of Committees from 10 February 2005 to 9 March 2005.

The decisions recorded in Arts. 99-123 and 131-200, copies of which had been circulated to all Members of the Council, were submitted and approved.

248. COMPOSITE CAPITAL BUDGET 2005/08

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Corporate Services) (05/183) outlining the proposed budget for the Composite Capital Programme for the 3 years 2005/06, 2006/07 and 2007/08, and the proposed Prudential Indicators for the same period.

Motion (Councillors Doig and Miller)

- (1) To approve the recommendations as detailed in Section 1 of Report No. 05/183, including approving the Provisional 2005/06 Capital Budget of £31,715,000, the Provisional 2006/07 Capital Budget of £27,849,000 and the Provisional 2007/08 Capital Budget of £21,185,000 as set out at Appendix II of that report.

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE FOLLOWING:

(2) Adjust expenditure by following amounts:	2005/06 (£'000)	2006/07 (£'000)	2007/08 (£'000)	Total (£'000)
Re-phasing of North Forr works:				
Infill void	90	(90)	0	0
Final Restoration	0	75	(75)	0
Re-phasing of Friends of Park - Blairgowrie/Ratray Davie Park	20	30	(50)	0
Re-allocate South Inch Improvements Implementation to:	(40)	0	0	(40)
Friends of Park Development - Auchterarder Public Park	20	0	0	20
Friends of Park Development - North Inch Park, Perth	20	0	0	20
	<u>110</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>(125)</u>	<u>0</u>

3 To approve the allocation of additional resources of £1,588,000 to 2005/06, 2006/07 and 2007/08 to the following schemes:

	2005/06 (£'000)	2006/07 (£'000)	2007/08 (£'000)	Total (£'000)
Flood Prevention, Easthaugh, Pitlochry - Study/Promotion	10	0	0	10
Footpaths	100	0	0	100
Conservation - Promotion & Preserving the Countryside	50	50	50	150
Business Units in Rural Areas	50	200	0	250
Provision & Replacement of Dog Bins & Signs	30	0	0	30
Parks & Open Spaces - Paths & Lighting	0	70	70	140
Park Improvements - Replacement of Seats & Bins	45	45	0	90
Park Improvements - Signage	10	10	0	20
Take a Pride in Perthshire Association - Community Env. Projects	0	30	30	60
Eco Schools (net of contributions)	15	15	0	30
Friends of Park Development - Larghan Park, Coupar Angus (net)	20	20	0	40
Friends of Park Development - Victoria Park, Aberfeldy (net)	20	45	45	110
Harbour Support Vessel	50	350	0	400
- Reallocate Misc. Economic Development Projects	0	(42)	0	(42)
Extension of EDRMS	0	100	100	200
	<u>400</u>	<u>893</u>	<u>295</u>	<u>1,588</u>

4. Summary of Proposals

	2005/06 (£'000)	2006/07 (£'000)	2007/08 (£'000)	Total (£'000)
Provisional Budget per Report No. 05/183	31,715	27,849	21,185	80,749
RE-phasing and Re-allocation as per note 2	110	15	(125)	0
Allocation of Additional Resources per note 3	400	893	295	1,588
Revised Capital Budget	<u>32,225</u>	<u>28,757</u>	<u>21,355</u>	<u>82,337</u>

5. To approve a Priority Reserve List of capital projects, which can proceed should additional capital resources become available as follows:

	2005/06 (£'000)	2006/07 (£'000)	2007/08 (£'000)	Total (£'000)
Play Area Improvements - Replacement of Bark Surfacing	150	195	0	345
Harbour Pneumatic Discharge System	0	0	500	500
- Reallocate Misc. Economic Development Projects	0	0	(32)	(32)
Capital Property Maintenance Projects	0	614	875	1,489
Friends of Park Development - Inchtute Park (net)	0	10	20	30
Heritage Cemetery Improvements	0	75	100	175
Skatepark Development - Bridge of Earn (net)	0	22	0	22
Skatepark Development - Stanley (net)	0	15	0	15
Skatepark Development - Abernethy (net)	0	15	0	15
Skatepark Development - Almondbank Pitcairngreen (net)	0	0	14	14
Skatepark Development - Invergowrie (net)	0	0	14	14
Skatepark Development - Comrie (net)	0	0	14	14
Skatepark Development - Bankfoot (net)	0	0	14	14
Western Edge, Kinross - site acquisition, servicing and units	0	0	1,000	1,000
	<u>150</u>	<u>946</u>	<u>2,519</u>	<u>3,615</u>

Amendment (Councillors Stewart and MacLellan)

- To approve the recommendations as detailed in Section 1 of Report No. 05/183, including approving the Provisional 2005/06 Capital Budget of £31, 715,000, the Provision 2006/07

Capital Budget of £27,849,000 and the Provision 2007/08 Capital Budget of £21,185,000 as set out at Appendix II of that report.

2. To approve the allocation of additional resources of £1,508,000 to 2005/06, 2006/07 and 2007/08 to the following schemes:

	2005/06 (£'000)	2006/07 (£'000)	2007/08 (£'000)	Total (£'000)
Development of Art Centre	350	0	0	350
Footpaths	100	100	0	200
Harbour Support Vessel	50	350	0	400
- Reallocate Misc. Economic Development Projects	0	(42)	0	(42)
Extension of EDRMS	0	200	0	200
Capital Property Maintenance Projects	0	200	200	400
	500	808	200	1,508

3. **Summary of Proposals**

	2005/06 (£'000)	2006/07 (£'000)	2007/08 (£'000)	Total (£'000)
Provisional Budget per Report No. 05/183	31,715	27,849	21,185	80,749
Allocation of Additional Resources per above	500	808	200	1,508
Revised Capital Budget	32,215	28,657	21,385	82,257

4. To approve a Priority Reserve List of capital projects, which can proceed should additional capital resources become available as follows:

	2005/06 (£'000)	2006/07 (£'000)	2007/08 (£'000)	Total (£'000)
Friends of Park Development - Coupar Angus, Larghan Park (net)	0	20	20	40
Friends of Park Development - Aberfeldy Victoria Park (net)	0	45	45	90
Play Area Improvements - Replacement of Bark Surfacing	0	150	195	345
Skatepark Development - Bridge of Earn (net)	0	22	0	22
Friends of Park Development - Inchtute Park (net)	0	10	20	30
Skatepark Development - Stanley (net)	0	15	0	15
Skatepark Development - Abernethy (net)	0	15	0	15
Skatepark Development - Almondbank Pitcairngreen (net)	0	0	14	14
Skatepark Development - Invergowrie (net)	0	0	14	14
Skatepark Development - Comrie (net)	0	0	14	14
Skatepark Development - Bankfoot (net)	0	0	14	14
Parks & Open Spaces - Paths & Lighting	0	70	70	140
Park Improvements - Replacement of Seats & Bins	0	45	45	90
Park Improvements - Signage	0	10	10	20
Heritage Cemetery Improvements	0	75	100	175
Take a Pride In Perthshire Association - Community Env. Projects	0	30	30	60
Eco Schools (net)	0	15	15	30
Friends of Park Development - Auchterarder Public Park (net)	0	0	20	20
Friends of Park Development - Perth North Inch Park (net)	0	0	20	20
Harbour Pneumatic Discharge System	0	0	500	500
- Reallocate Misc. Economic Development Projects	0	0	(32)	(32)
	0	522	1,114	1,636

Amendment – 12 votes

Motion – 25 votes

Resolved:

In accordance with the Motion.

249. ANNUAL TREASURY STRATEGY 2005/06

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Corporate Services) (05/184) detailing the Council's proposed Treasury Strategy and activities for the 2005/06 financial year and outlining the limits within which they will be undertaken.

Resolved:

The Annual Treasury Strategy for 2005/06, as detailed in Report 05/184, submitted in accordance with the Council's approved Treasury Management Practices be approved.

COUNCILLOR McEWEN LEFT THE MEETING DURING THE FOLLOWING ITEM.

250. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE – CORPORATE RULES AND STANDARDS – REVISED STANDING ORDERS AND SCHEME OF ADMINISTRATION AND NEW CONTRACT RULES

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Corporate Services) (05/199) presenting revised Standing Orders and Scheme of Administration and new Contract Rules for approval.

Motion (Councillors Doig and Miller)

- (i) **The revised Standing Orders contained in Appendix 1 to Report 05/199 be approved with effect from 1 April 2005.**
- (ii) **The Head of Finance be appointed as Proper Officer for the financial administration of the Council in terms of Section 95 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 with effect from 1 July 2005.**
- (iii) **The revised Scheme of Administration as contained in Appendix 2 of Report 05/199 be approved with effect from 1 April 2005.**
- (iv) **The new Contract Rules as contained in Appendix 3 of Report 05/199 be approved with effect from 1 April 2005.**

Amendment (Councillor Young and MacLellan)

The recommendations in Report 05/199 be agreed subject to an amendment to Paragraph 23.1.1 of the Scheme of Administration contained at Appendix 2 to delete clauses (d) and (g).

Amendment – 11 votes

Motion – 25 votes

Resolved:

In accordance with the Motion.

COUNCILLOR GILLIES LEFT THE MEETING DURING THE FOLLOWING ITEM.

251. COMMISSION ON BOUNDARY DIFFERENCES AND VOTING SYSTEMS (ARBUTHNOTT COMMISSION) – INQUIRY INTO BOUNDARIES, VOTING AND REPRESENTATION IN SCOTLAND

There were submitted reports by the Executive Director (Corporate Services) (05/197 and 05/197(a)) advising the Council of the publication by the Commission on Boundary Differences and Voting Systems ('the Arbuthnott Commission') of a consultation paper on Boundaries Voting and Representation in Scotland and seeking the views of the Council on a response to the consultation document.

Motion (Councillors Barrett and Miller)

- (i) **The terms of Report 05/197 and the publication by the Commission on Boundary Differences and Voting Systems of a consultation document as part of the Inquiry into Boundaries, Voting and Representation in Scotland be noted.**
- (ii) **The position of Officers of the Council in response to the consultation document be noted.**
- (iii) **The contents of Report 05/197(a) be submitted as the Council's response to the Arbuthnott Commission Consultation.**

Amendment (Councillors Stewart and MacLellan)

- (i) The terms of Report 05/197 and the publication by the Commission on Boundary Differences and Voting Systems of a consultation document as part of the Inquiry into Boundaries, Voting and Representation in Scotland be noted.
- (ii) The position of Officers of the Council in response to the consultation document be noted.
- (iii) Each political party respond to the consultation document.

Amendment – 10 votes

Motion – 25 votes

Resolved:

In accordance with the Motion.

252. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

(a) North Sea Commission

Resolved:

The appointment of Councillor Alan Livingstone to the North Sea Commission's Culture and Tourism Committee be approved.

(b) Perth and Kinross Community Health Partnership Committee

Resolved:

The Convener and Vice-Convener of the Housing and Health Committee being Councillors Gordon Hunter and Peter Barrett and the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care), being D Roberts, be appointed to the Perth and Kinross Community Health Partnership Committee.

253. ALTERATION TO ANNUAL TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS

Resolved:

- (i) A Special Meeting of Perth and Kinross Council be held on Wednesday 20 April 2005 at 2.00pm to consider the initial proposals received from the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland on the review of electoral arrangements in Perth and Kinross.
- (ii) The meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee scheduled to commence at 2.00pm that day be held at 3.00pm or immediately following the Special Council Meeting.

254. APPOINTMENT TO COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP

Resolved:

Councillor Alexander Stewart replace Councillor Sandy Bushby on the Community Planning Partnership.